

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A wet paper transfer belt for use in the press part of a closed draw papermaking machine, comprising a base body, a wet paper web side layer having a wet paper web side surface, and a machine side layer, wherein said wet paper web side layer comprises a high molecular weight elastic section and a hydrophilic fiber body, and at least a part of the fiber body is exposed on said wet paper web side surface.

2. A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein hydrophilic treatment is applied to the surface of the exposed part of the fiber body

3. A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein the official moisture regain of said fiber body is at least 4%.

4. A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 1 or 3, wherein hydrophilic treatment is applied to the surface of the exposed surface of the fiber body.